

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-388-A)**

PATENT

In application of:)	
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Nolan et al.)	Before the Examiner:
)	S. Sharareh
Serial No.	09/851,743)
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Filed:	May 9, 2001)
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For:	Methods for Testing Compounds Useful)
	In Treating Diabetic Complications)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2006. Their response will be due on October 10, 2006.

By the signature of the undersigned the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the ful amount of any required fee.

If Examiner Sharareh believes it to be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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